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1. TWO AND A HALF HOUR IG MEETING CHAIRED BY JAPAN'S  
PERM REP, MINISTER HIRAOKA, CENTERED ON DISCUSSION  
UNESCO STUDY ON PROCEDURES CONCERNING EXAMINATION OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS. MEMBERS CLEARLY REGARD THIS AS  
MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON 102 EXBD AGENDA(REFTEL B,  
PARA 8).

2. DR. VASAK, DIRECTOR, UNESCO DIVISION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND PEACE, BRIEFED MEMBERS ON MAJOR COMPONENTS OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS STUDY WHICH US DEL HAS PARTLY COVERED IN ITS  
REPORTING CABLES. DURING QUESTION PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED,  
PERM DEL NOTED LIMITED TIME DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE FOR  
THOROUGH STUDY OF ANTICIPATED 141-PAGE DOCUMENT,  
AND ASKED VASAK WHY PLENARY DISCUSSION, WHICH NOW  
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26 AND 27, SHOULD NOT BE POSTPONED  
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UNTIL MIDDLE OF EXBD, ABOUT MAY 4 AND 5. IG MEMBERS  
FULLY SUPPORTED THIS SUGGESTION. UK PERM REP AGREED TO  
NOTIFY IMMEDIATELY EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN (DUE TO ARRIVE  
PARIS ON APRIL 20) OF THIS REQUEST FOR RE-SCHEDULING  
AGENDA, AND AMBASSADOR CARDUCCI (ITALY) SUGGESTED THAT  
MEMBERS BEGIN NOW TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR THIS CHANGE  
AMONG OTHER EXBD MEMBERS.

3. US PERM DEL ALSO MENTIONED DURING DISCUSSION THAT US CONSIDERING TAKING INITIATIVE DURING 102 EXBD FOR PROPOSING MECHANISM TO HELP HANDLE POLITICAL CONFRONTATION PERHAPS ALONG LINES PROPOSED FOR MANAGING HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS. SUBJECT WAS INTRODUCED IN LOW KEY FASHION WITHOUT GIVING ANY SUBSTANCE AND GENERATED NO DISCUSSION.

4. HIRAOKA ALSO REPORTED DISCUSSION WITH DG IN WHICH M'BOW HAD SUGGESTED THAT IF GENERAL AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED ON NEW PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT PRESENT DELIBERATIONS INCLUDING THOSE OF PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED CARNEIRO COMMITTEE, MIGHT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL SOLUTION IS FOUND BY A SUCCEEDING EXBD. EARLIER IN MEETING, VASAK EXPRESSED OPINION, SUPPORTED BY IG MEMBERS, THAT CARNEIRO COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK UNTIL NEW PROCEDURES ARE ADOPTED REPLACING IT. AFTER VASAK DEPARTED MEETING, HIRAOKA, STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BEAULNE, SUGGESTED THAT QUESTION OF SUSPENDING DELIBERATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS IS NOT RPT NOT DG'S PREROGATIVE AND SHOULD BE MONITORED CAREFULLY SINCE SOVIETS MAY HAVE ADOPTED THIS AS STRATEGY TO DOWN-PLAY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AT UNESCO. NORWEGIAN DEL SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO SECRETARIAT THAT CARNEIRO COMMITTEE (TO WHICH NORWEGIAN PERM DEL GARBO IS EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN) SHOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNTIL REPLACED BY SOME OTHER MECHANISM.

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5. QUESTION OF MOVE TO SUSPEND SOUTH AFRICA FROM IOC WAS ALSO RAISED. MOST MEMBERS WERE UNITED IN OPPOSING THIS MOVE. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT EXPULSION IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS BEFORE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MUST BE FORCEFULLY OPPOSED. REPRESENTATIVES OF US, JAPAN, NORWAY, UK, FRG, AND NETHERLANDS VOLUNTEERED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE WHEN ISSUE COMES BEFORE IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MORNING APRIL 6. PRE VOTE TALLY HERE INDICATES THAT MOTION FOR EXPULSION WILL NOT CARRY.

6. NEXT IG MEETING SET FOR APRIL 15 AND WE EXPECT FURTHER MEETINGS BEFORE AND DURING EXBD.  
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